

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to update cross reference to related application information. The Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced.

A terminal disclaimer in respect of US 6,750,944 is enclosed.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(c) as being anticipated by Steinberg (USPN 6,006,039). With respect, the Applicant disagrees.

The method defined by claim 1 explicitly defines the step of reading a “printed data storage device”. Examples of print data storage devices, ie, storage devices in which the data is comprised of printed dots, are described throughout the specification. By contrast, the card 22 taught by Steinberg is described as a type II or type III PCMCIA card and is therefore not a printed data storage device as required by claim 1.

The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claim 1 and its dependent claims are novel and inventive in light of the cited prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, further consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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